GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:610
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2002
NO TOBACCO WEEK
RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether international `No Tobacco Week` was observed in May-June this year;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes and programmes launched thereunder;

(c) the percentage and number of tobacco related deaths in the country during 1999-2000 and 2001-2002;and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to find alternative uses of tobacco?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) : `World No Tobacco Day` was observed on 31st May, 2002.

(b) : A number of workshops/seminars and cultural/sports activities were organized by the governmental and non-governmental agencies all over the country to publicise the ill-effects of tobacco and discourage its use.

(c) : Year-wise data is not centrally maintained. However, it is estimated that about 8 lakh persons in India die every year due to tobacco use.

(d) : There is very limited use of tobacco other than for chewing or smoking purposes.